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SUBJECT: CYPRUS HUMANITARIAN ISSUES

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1. REGRET DELAY IN RESPONDING TO ANKARA 2910. GREEK AND TURKISH SOURCES WHO HAVE PARTICIPATED IN THE HUMANITARIAN TALKS HAVE PREDICTABLY GIVEN CONFLICTING VERSIONS OF WHAT HAS TRANSPIRED DURING AND AFTER THE TALKS, AND WE HAVE BEEN PRESSING ON UN TO PROVIDE US WITH INDEPENDENT INFORMATION.

2. FEW THINGS IN CYPRUS AR CLEAR-CUT, AND THE QUESTION OF EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NORTH AND THE MOVEMENT OF GREEK TEACHERS, DOCTORS, AND PRIESTS TO THE NORTH IS NO EXCEPTION. OUR BEST INFORMATION IS AS FOLLOWS:

2. SCHOOLS: TURKISH AND UN SOURCES AGREE THAT EIGHT PRIMARY SCHOOLS ARE NOW OPEN IN THE NORTH BUT DISAGREE AS TO LOCATION OF THESE SCHOOLS. THEY ALSO AGREE THAT TWO OF THE EIGHT SCHOOLS
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(LEON ARISSO AND VATHYLAKAS) WERE OPENED IN MARCH AS NOTED

IN THE JOINT STATEMENT FOLLOWING MARCH 31 HUMANITARIAN TALKS. (NITOCIA 0858). THESE TWO SCHOOLS ARE NOW PROVIDING EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES FOR STUDENTS FROM NINE VILLAGES, FULFILLING TURKISH COMMITMENT IN MARCH 17 JOINT STATEMENT, AND TURKS ARE PROVIDING TRANSPORTATION. (NICOSIA 0719). TURKS SAY, IN ADDITION, THAT THREE SECONDARY SCHOOLS ARE OPERATING IN BELLAPAI SYALOUSA, AND RIZOKARPASSO. THE GREEKS SAY NO. RELIABLE UN SOURCES SAY THAT, WHILE SOME BOOKS AND SCHOOL BUILDINGS EXIST IN THESE PLACES, THERE ARE AS YET NO GREEK SECONDARY TEACHERS AND NO SECONDARY EDUCATIONAL FACILITIES IN THE NORMALLY ACCEPTED SENSE OF THE TERM.

4. TEACHERS:

(A) TURK CYPRIOT OFFICIAL, WHO SITS IN ON HUMANITARIAN TALKS WKV WHO IS INTIMATELY INVOLVED IN PLANNING AND CARRYING OUT AGREEMENTS REACHED IN THESE TALKS, SAYS THAT FOUR GREEK TEACHERS ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR FAMILIES PASSED TO THE NORTH DURING THE PAST MONTH. IN ADDITION, HE MAINTAINED, 17 GREEK TEACHERS WERE TRANSFERRED NORTH IN OCTOBER 1975 AS PART OF VIENNA III AGREEMENT.

(B) GREEKS, ON OTHER HAND, SAY THAT WHILE EIGHT TEACHERS DID CROSS NORTH IN THE MONTH OR SO FOLLOWING VIENNA III, NONE HAVE PASSED RECENTLY. GREEKS ALSO ACKNOWLEDGE THAT THREE INDIVIDUALS WHO HAPPENED TO BE TEACHERS RETURNED NORTH IN THE FALL UNDER THE FAMILY REUNIFICATION PROVISIONS. THUS, A TOTAL OF 11 GREEK TEACHERS HAVE RETURNED NORTH. GREEKS MAINTAIN THAT TURKS RECENTLY APPROVED FIVE ADDITIONAL TEACHERS, BUT ONE WAS LATER REJECTED BECAUSE THE TURKS FELT THE SPOUSE WAS A POSSIBLE SECURITY PROBLEM, AND THE OTHER FOUR NEVER WENT BECAUSE DISAGREEMENT CROPPED UP OVER WHETHER TEACHERS COULD RETURN TO THE SOUTH FOR THE SUMMER VACATION (NICOSIA 0719). GREEKS DID NOT WANT TO GO IF THEY COULD NOT RETURN AND TURKS CONFIRM THAT THEIR POSITION ON NOT ALLOWING TEACHERS TO RETURN SOUTH FOR SUMMER VACATION IS ABSOLUTELY FIRM.

(C) UN CONFIRMS THAT TURKS RECENTLY APPROVED FIVE GREEK TEACHERS, THAT ONE WAS SUBSEQUENTLY DISQUALIFIED, AND THAT NO REPEAT NO TEACHERS HAVE CROSSED OVER IN RECENT MONTHS BECAUSE CONFIDENTIAL

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OF DISAGREEMENT NOTED ABOVE. UN INSISTED ON THIS LATTER POINT AND SAID THEY WERE IN A POSITION TO KNOW, SINCE THEY WOULD HAVE BEEN INVOLVED IN LIAISON AND TRANSPORTATION ARRANGEMENTS FOR TRANSFERS. UN RECORDS ALSO SHOW THAT 11 TEACHERS WERE CLEARED FOR TRANSFER NORTH IN OCTOBER 1975 AND WENT NORTH SHORTLY THEREAFTER.

4. DOCTORS: ALL PARTIES AGREE THAT NO DOCTORS HAVE PASSED

TO THE NORTH BUT THAT THE TURKS HAVE AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO ALLOW SOME DOCTORS, IF ACCOMPANIED BY THEIR FAMILIES, TO GO NORTH. ONE DOCTOR AND TWO MALE NURSES WERE APPROVED BY THE TURKS BUT NEVER WENT BECAUSE TURKS INSISTED THAT FAMILIES ACCOMPANY AND THE APPLICANTS DID NOT WANT TO GO UNDER THESE CONDITIONS. UN TELLS US THAT GREEKS SUBMITTED TWO ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS OF DOCTORS WILLING TO TAKE THEIR FAMILIES AND THAT THESE WERE NOT APPROVED BY TURKS.

5. PRIESTS: ALL SIDES AGREE THAT NO PRIESTS HAVE RETURNED NORTH. THE TURKS HAVE INDICATED THAT "NO NEED EXISTS" AND THE GREEKS HAVE NOT PRESSED THE ISSUE.

6. OTHERS: AS NOTED IN MARCH 31 JOINT STATEMENT, TURKS HAVE ALSO PERMITTED NINE GREEK CYPRIOTS WHO CAME SOUTH FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT TO RETURN TO THE NORTH AND ARE CONSIDERING ADDITIONAL APPLICATIONS. THE GREEKS SAYD THAT 63 ADDITIONAL MEDICAL CASES ARE PENDING, 51 INVOLVING INDIVIDUALS IN THE NORTH WHO WANT AN ASSURANCE THAT THEY WILL BE ABLE TO RETURN IF THEY GO SOUTH FOR MEDICAL TREATMENT AND 12 ALREADY IN THE SOUTH FORMEDICAL REASONS WHO WANT TO RETURN NORTH.

7. COMMENT: THERE HAS BEEN SOME MOVEMENT ON HUMANITARIAN ISSUES, BUT IT HAS BEEN MARGINAL AT BEST AND PLAGUED AT EVERY POINT BY THE SAME MUTUAL SUSPICIONS AND BITTERNESS WHICH HAVE HINDERED PROGRESS ON POLITICAL ISSUES. ALSO, WHAT PROGRESS THERE HAS BEEN ON HUMANITARIAN ISSUES MUSTBE VIEWED AGAINST BACKGROUND OF STEADY MOVEMENT OF GREEKS TO THE SOUTH, ACKNOWLEDGED TURKISH DESIRES TO HAVE ALL GREEKS OUT OF THE NORTH, AND PRESSURE FROM TURKISH AUTHORITIES AS WELL AS FROM GENERAL CIRCUMSTANCES ON GREEKS TO LEAVE.
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